

DRONES AT HISTORIC ENGLAND / ENGLISH HERITAGE SITES

There is increasing interest in the use of drones to film or photograph our historic locations. While drones offer a fantastic new perspective to enjoy and explore our historic buildings, we need to carefully balance these possibilities with the need to care for and conserve our sites, and maintain the safety of our visitors.

DRONE GUIDANCE

The use of UAVs (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles) or drones is not permitted on or over any English Heritage sites without prior approval. If use is approved by English Heritage then the following conditions will apply.

Current CAA legislation states that drones are not permitted to be flown within 50 metres of any vessel, vehicle or structure which is not under the control of the person in charge of the aircraft. The aircraft should not be flown within 50 metres of any person except during take-off or landing or within 30 metres of any person except for the person in charge of the aircraft.

To ensure the safety and security of English Heritage sites, any drone flying must take place when the site is closed to the public. All operators must hold the following:

- a current and valid CAA 'Permission for Aerial Work' (PFAW);
- evidence of valid insurance cover;
- a risk assessment for the proposed flight; and
- a method statement outlining what equipment will be used and a flight plan outlining where flying is proposed.